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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS EMBASSY CHARGE CALLS ON ASSISTANT

SECRETARY LEWIS

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1. SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS EMBASSY CHARGE EMILE TYDEMAN MET AT HIS REQUEST WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS ON AUGUST 17. LEWIS URGED DUTCH AS EC-9 PRESIDENT TO CONSIDER INFORMAL MECHANISM THROUGH WHICH EC-9 AND US REPS IN NEW YORK COULD BETTER COORDINATE UNGA STRATEGY ON TACTICS. TYDEMAN SOUGHT US SUPPORT FOR RIPHAGEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION AND ASKED FOR US VIEWS ON PROBABLE UNGA ISSUES TO SHARE WITH EC-9 EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

2. AT OUTSET OF CALL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS EXPLAINED THAT THE US IS WILLING TO TRY ANY AND ALL METHODS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH EUROPEANS. NOTING THAT VINCI GROUP APPEARS TO BE TOO CUMBERSOME FOR EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, HE SUGGESTED THAT NETHERLANDS, IN ITS CURRENT ROLE AS EC-9 PRESIDENT, CONSIDER VARIOUS WAYS TO BRING US AND EC-9 REPS TOGETHER, FOR EXAMPLE BY HAVING AN INFORMAL WORKING LUNCHEON IN NEW YORK IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE FORMATION OF A SMALL, EFFECTIVE CONSULTATIVE GROUP. LEWIS SUGGESTED THAT THIS GROUP MIGHT LATER BE EXTENDED

TO INCLUDE JAPAN, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA. TYDEMAN POINTED OUT THAT THIS PROCEDURE, IF INSTITUTIONALIZED, MIGHT "NOT BE APPRECIATED", JUDGING BY HIS EFFORTS AT US-EC-9 GET-TOGETHERS IN WASHINGTON, BY ALL OF HIS EC-9 COLLEAGUES (E.G. FRANCE) BUT PROMISED TO SUGGEST TO THE NETHERLANDS PERMREP THAT HE "TRY IT OUT". LEWIS SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF THE NETHERLANDS PERMREP AND GOVERNOR SCRANTON COULD GET TOGETHER ON THIS MATTER. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MEETINGS COULD BE HELD AT THE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OR POLITICAL COUNSELLOR LEVEL IF THAT WERE EASIER FROM "INSTITUTIONAL STANDPOINT. TYDEMAN STATED THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY RAISE ISSUE WITH GON, AGAIN EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT GON UN PERMREP WOULD "TRY IT OUT".

3. TYDEMAN REFERRED TO RECENT COMMUNICATION FROM HAGUE INSTRUCTING HIM TO REPEAT THE GON SUGGESTION THAT THE US AND THE NETHERLANDS RECIPROCALLY SUPPORT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CANDIDACY OF THE NETHERLAND'S PROFESSOR RIPHAGEN AND THE US' STEVEN SCHWEBEL AS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION. LEWIS RESPONDED THAT THE US HAS NOT YET DETERMINED ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND WILL CONTINUE TO WEIGH ALL FACTORS BEFORE DECIDING. HE NOTED THAT WE WOULD KEEP THE GON OFFER IN MIND.

4. IN RESPONSE TO TYDEMAN'S REQUEST LEWIS REVIEWED THE

US POSITION IN REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:
HUMAN RIGHTS; SOUTHERN AFRICA (NAMIBIA, RHODESIA,
APARTHEID); WESTERN SAHARA; ADMISSION OF VIETNAM;
ADMISSION OF ANGOLA; PUERTO RICO AND SUCCESSOR TO THE
SECRETARY GENERAL. TYDEMAN SAID HE WOULD BE SHARING
OUR ASSESSMENTS WITH OTHER EC-9 EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON.
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